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**From:** Baron, Adam [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=563EF058707D4930868C6CF1E0828A43-BARON, ADAM]  
**Sent:** 10/2/2019 5:35:45 PM  
**To:** Contreras, Peter [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3c7e515833814b74a7ebafcfef8b6322-Contreras, Peter]  
**Subject:** RE: Drinking Water News

See below. I'll let you make edits as you see fit, then add to the Weekly for Ed's approval.

On September 29, 2019, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs submitted a letter requesting an extension to the requirements due on October 1, 2019 under the SDWA Administrative Order on Consent. In the letter, the Tribe detailed their efforts to comply with the Order amid competing priorities related to drinking water system stabilization this past summer. The Tribe now anticipates the Consent Order's requirements can be accomplished by June 30, 2020. The Tribe also anticipates requesting an extension request for the SDWA Emergency Order requirement to undergo an engineering survey due November 19, 2019. During the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Tribal Council briefing, EPA learned the Tribe lost their originally identified funding source for this engineering survey and were looking for new funding. At that same briefing, EPA also learned that Alyssa Macy, the Tribe's Chief Operations Officer, will be leaving the Tribe in the near future. This is a blow to EPA's ongoing oversight of compliance with the Orders as she was a main POC. Finally, the Tribe did award a contract to Project Development Group (PDG), an independent engineering firm, to facilitate spending grant money currently allocated to the Tribe to comply with major provisions of the SDWA orders and open NPDES orders. Senior Tribal managers, PDG, EPA, and other representatives of federal agencies to be determined will meet weekly to coordinate and oversee the purposing of these HUD and BIA grants.



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**To:** Contreras, Peter <Contreras.Peter@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Drinking Water News

That sounds like a plan. Do you want me to submit a write up for the Weekly on Warm Springs today? Extension letter, Alyssa leaving, etc.

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A big loss for the Tribe.

Going into next year, we should think about our oversight strategy to support Warm Springs in complying with the 1414 & 1431 orders, versus our other investments in the DW NCI.

We can brief Jeff on recommendations when we're ready to route a written reply to the Warm Springs Tribe's recent extension request.

Thanks,

Peter



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**Subject:** FW: Drinking Water News

First time I've seen a date for Alyssa's departure – Oct 11



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**To:** Duvil, Ricardi <[duvil.ricardi@epa.gov](mailto:duvil.ricardi@epa.gov)>; Baron, Adam <[Baron.Adam@epa.gov](mailto:Baron.Adam@epa.gov)>  
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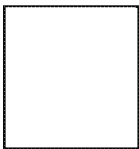
**From:** Alyssa Macy <[alyssa.macy@wstribes.org](mailto:alyssa.macy@wstribes.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 11:11 AM  
**To:** Sturman, Mary <[Sturman.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Sturman.Mary@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Drinking Water News

Mary,

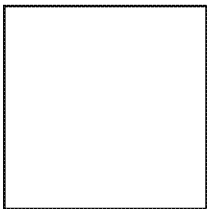
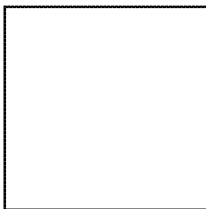
Can you please remove this email from your distribution list? My final day with the Tribe is Oct. 11.

Thank you,

Alyssa



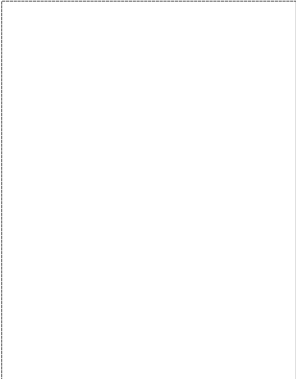
**Alyssa Macy**  
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On Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 10:36 AM Sturman, Mary <[Sturman.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Sturman.Mary@epa.gov)> wrote:

## **AWWA Creates Free Resources to Help Prospective Operators Succeed**



The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has recently partnered with Steve Hernandez to develop free resources to help prospective operators join the industry and succeed in their careers. Steve Hernandez has worked in water for nearly 20 years with 11 of those years as a water division manager in California. He has maintained active involvement in operator training and will be using those skills to help future operators.

In regards to this partnership, Steve says, *"Our goal with these resources is to support operators on their journey, encourage them, and keep them focused on obtaining their goals while providing value to their communities and organization."*

As of now, the AWWA has released [six of these free resources](#). The resources discuss goal setting, selecting an education path, study tactics, making the most of your workday, becoming a team player, and taking steps to advance your career. According to the AWWA, new resources to support the operator's professional development journey will be updated regularly.

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## **Free Resources**

### **Addressing HABs and Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water With the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

This [factsheet](#) describes DWSRF eligibility related to harmful algal blooms (HABs) and provides several case studies where these funds were used for HAB projects.

### **Guidance for Responding to Drinking Water Contamination Incidents**

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

This 40-page [manual](#) describes how to prepare for and respond to water contamination in your distribution system.

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## **Featured Video: How To: Develop a Cross-Connection Control Plan**

Learn how to develop a cross connection control plan with this week's featured video and the other helpful resources recommended by WaterOperator.org

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### Shedding Light on Antibiotic Resistance

A recent study by Texas A&M examined the effectiveness of ultraviolet (UV) light and oxidation techniques to inactivate antibiotic resistant bacteria in wastewater.

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